

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, December 14, 2009

Present: Cheri Hall, Director

Al Low

Kurt Schatz, Chair

Kevin H. Mazzarella, Alternate

Alice Lavigne, Secretary

Absent: -----

**Excused: Juliette Lopez-Recinos, L. Kevin McDonald, David Marcotte
and Al Gerew, Vice Chair**

Guests: None

**Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Kurt Schatz, Chair at the
Burrillville Parks and Recreation Offices, 92 North Main Street,
Pascoag, R.I.**

**Motion to accept minutes of November 9, 2009 regular meeting by
Alice Lavigne. Seconded by Al Low. Motion passed 3-0.**

Correspondence:

None

Good & Welfare:

Al Low mentioned the Farmer's Market group held a potluck supper with appreciation noted for Director Cheri Hall for the Parks and Recreation Department's assistance.

Old Business:

Harvest Fundraiser

The Director reported the first annual Fall Harvest Fundraiser was held in November with the amount of \$910 raised. This allowed the reduction of the Senior Fitness participants monthly fee by \$5.00 to a new fee of \$15.00 versus \$20.00. The extra amount raised will be utilized for any future senior programming/fundraising events.

Santa on the Common

Al Low (a.k.a. Santa) stated Harrisville Fire Chief Mark St. Pierre assisted Santa with his arrival via antique fire engine from Pascoag to Harrisville. There were approximately 75 children and their families in attendance with Emergency Medical Director Jason Rhodes reading to them while they waited to see Santa.

Santa Calling

All the Santa Calling forms have been distributed to the volunteer Santa's for the children to be called. The Director explained to new

member Kevin Mazzarella the program details.

Recreation Vehicle

The Director reported that Town Manager Michael Wood had requested she review a catalog of vehicles available through the state of Rhode Island list. A letter with the Director's choices was returned to the Town manager emphasizing a utility vehicle being the best choice for the department versus a larger van.

Skate Park & Other Playgrounds

The Director stated a quote was received from New England Recreation Group for the replacement fiber surfacing material with a grant request submitted to The Trust to offset half the cost for the surfacing at A.T. Levy School playground and Burrillville Extended Care funding the remaining half for surfacing material for the playground behind Burrillville Extended Care/Steere Farm Elementary School.

Separate quotes were received for a replacement piece of equipment for the Freedom Park playground and replenishing the surfacing material caused by the recent construction. New England Recreation Group supplied the required dimensions if the Skate Park is relocated. This includes the required 2 inches of asphalt, 4 inches of gravel and an eight foot fence for the parameter. The Director has noted to the Town Manager the Recreation Commission's opinion of not relocating the Skate Park including the additional costs involved.

It is being decided if these relocation costs should be submitted as part of the C.I.P. requests.

Victorian Holiday

The Parks & Recreation Department did end up taking part due to the chairperson requesting assistance after the Director explained the previous year's problems. The department supplied overstocked token gifts for Santa to hand out to the children.

Spring Lake Beach

(Item was commented on at a previous meeting regarding the painting bid)

Circus

The Director does not have any additional information at this time. The Burrillville Lions' Club was interested but no one has volunteered. The Nicole McConnell Foundation is contacting the Circus Company to find available dates for possibly holding the event at the lower field at the Burrillville High School.

New Business:

Bus Trips

A number of Burrillville seniors have requested bus trips to Foxwoods or Mohegan Sun through sponsorship of the Parks & Recreation Department. The department could organize a bus trip as a fundraiser for March 2010. The Recreation Commission agreed to

this idea being a good fundraiser for the department.

Holiday Ornaments

The Director received holiday ornament samples from Chemart to sell next year as a fundraiser. Al Low made suggestions of incorporating the Recreation Department logo and/or other Burrillville landmarks into the holiday ornaments. A contest was discussed to establish a new Recreation Department logo.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made Al Low. Seconded by Kevin Mazzeralla. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Motion Passed 3-0.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 11, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., Burrillville Parks & Recreation Office, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, RI 02859.

Recorded by

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